THIS WORLD IS HOME TO A SPECIES KNOWN AS THE "DRYAD."
IT SEEMS THAT WOOD-CUTTERS HATE THEM AS MUCH AS SERPENTS.
THEY ARE A SPECIAL KIND OF NYMPH THAT DWELLS INSIDE TREES THAT ARE HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD.
BECAUSE THE DEATH OF THE TREE MEANS THEIR OWN DEATH, THEY WILL PROTECT IT FROM HARM, CURSING AND KILLING PEOPLE IF NEED BE.
SHOULD A MALE OF AN INTELLIGENT SPECIES APPROACH THE TREE, THE DRYAD WILL SEDUCE AND CAPTURE HIM.
ACCORDING TO GOBLIN GRANDPA, A DRYAD'S CURSE ISN'T THE WORST THING ABOUT THEM.
SO I'M SAFE IF I JUST DON'T HARM THE TREE?
IF ONLY IT WERE THAT SIMPLE...

IF SHE ENDS UP TAKING A LIKING TO HIM, SHE'LL KEEP HIM THERE BY SHOWING HIM A DREAM HE'LL NEVER WAKE UP FROM. HE'LL ULTIMATELY END UP BECOMING THE TREE'S NOURISHMENT.
DRYADS ARE ALL FEMALE AND EXCEEDINGLY BEAUTIFUL.
UNABLE TO RESIST THEIR ALLURE, MEN WILL JUST...
I JUST THOUGHT THEY WERE IDIOTS WHO WOULD'VE ENDED UP AS FERTILIZER ANYWAYS...
I CERTAINLY HOPE NOT TO MEET ONE UNTIL I'M ON MY DEATHBED.
APPARENTLY A NUMBER OF GOBLINS HAVE BEEN LOST LIKE THIS.
...SO,
WHY AM I SUDDENLY BRINGING THIS UP?
WOW. ♡
YOU'VE GOT SOME AMAZING MUSCLES. ♡
YOU JUST EXUDE STRENGTH... ♡

Re:Monster

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I CAME ACROSS HER WHEN I WAS SEARCHING FOR PREY NEAR A GIANT TREE.
SINCE I WASN'T FINDING ANYTHING, I DECIDED TO SEE WHAT USEFUL PLANTS I COULD GATHER THERE...
...WHEN I SAW HER EMERGING FROM THE TREE AND OUR EYES MET.
OH...?
IT'S QUITE RARE FOR AN OGRE SUBSPECIES TO APPEAR IN THIS FOREST. ♡
I INITIALLY PANICKED AT THE FACT THAT SHE APPEARED BEHIND ME UNNOTICED.
KNOWING WHAT DRYADS ARE LIKE, I WAS WARY OF HER,
...AH... YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO WARY.
BUT SENSING NO ILL WILL, I DECIDED AGAINST ATTACKING HER.
I WILL NOT DO ANYTHING, JUST WANT TO TALK,
SEE? ♡
...MOST LIKELY THE REASON WAS BECAUSE OF...
...HOW CUTE SHE LOOKED AS SHE BEGGED ME.

...SUCH AS THE VARIOUS DANGEROUS PLANTS, THE TRAITS OF USEFUL PLANTS, AND THEIR LOCATIONS.
I ENDED UP TALKING TO DRYAD (SHE DIDN'T HAVE A NAME, SO I JUST CALL HER LIKE THAT) AND MANAGED TO LEARN SOME THINGS ABOUT THE AREA...

I WONDER HOW IT ENDED UP IN THIS WEIRD SITUATION...
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...IT WAS MOSTLY FINE UP TO THERE...
SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE SUCH A BEAUTY APPROACH YOU SO AGGRESSIVELY, IT'S NO WONDER PEOPLE CAN'T RESIST.
SHE MENTIONED HOW OGRE SUBSPECIES (I'M NOT, I'M A RARE SPECIES) ARE UNUSUAL, SO IT WAS PROBABLY HER CURIOSITY...
HER GAZE, HER BREATH, HER SWEAT, IT'S ALL JUST A BEWITCHING SPELL...

AS AWARE AS I MAY BE OF IT,
MY CURRENT BODY LACKS THE EXPERIENCE TO STAY IN CONTROL, I JUST CAN'T HELP IT...
WOW, IT'S BIGGER THAN I EXPECTED. ♡
GIVING IN HERE WOULD CERTAINLY FEEL GREAT,
BUT AFTER I'M DONE, I'LL BE CAPTURED AND USED AS FERTILIZER...
...WHICH IS THE LAST THING I WANT.
I STILL WANT TO SEE MORE OF THIS WORLD, AND I HAVE A DUTY TO LIVE ON IN PLACE OF ALL THOSE I'VE EATEN.
SO...
...I'LL HAVE TO USE THAT ABILITY FOR THE FIRST TIME HERE.

THIS DRYAD IS KNOWL-EDGEABLE AND I DOUBT SHE WANTS TO KILL ME,
BUT HER SPECIES IS INSTINCTIVELY DRIVEN TO ABSORB OTHERS, YOU JUST CAN'T TURN THAT OFF.
IF THEY NEED TO PUT YOU TO SLEEP BEFORE THEY ABSORB YOU...
...YOU'LL BE SAVED IF YOU CAN GO ON UNTIL SHE'S TOO TIRED.
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE IT WILL WORK, BUT IF I COMBINE AN OGRE'S NATURAL STAMINA WITH "LIBIDO"...
DRYAD.
...LET'S BEGIN.

BUT...
IT'S ALL RIGHT... ♡
...JEEZ...
YOU ARE SO ROUGH...
FOR THE NEXT FIVE HOURS OR SO...
...I INDULGED IN MY LUST FOR HER BODY...
▷ GOBLIN ROU HAS OBTAINED "DRYAD'S AFFECTION"!

AAH...
THAT WAS AMAZING... ♡
COME VISIT ME AGAIN. ♡
...IF I FEEL LIKE IT.
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU. ♡
I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFOREEEE!!
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THINKING BACK ON WHAT HAPPENED AS I WALKED, I ENDED UP AT A RIVER,
AND DECIDED TO FOLLOW IT UPSTREAM.
I WON'T GO INTO WHAT HAPPENED,
BUT EVERYTHING WENT WELL...

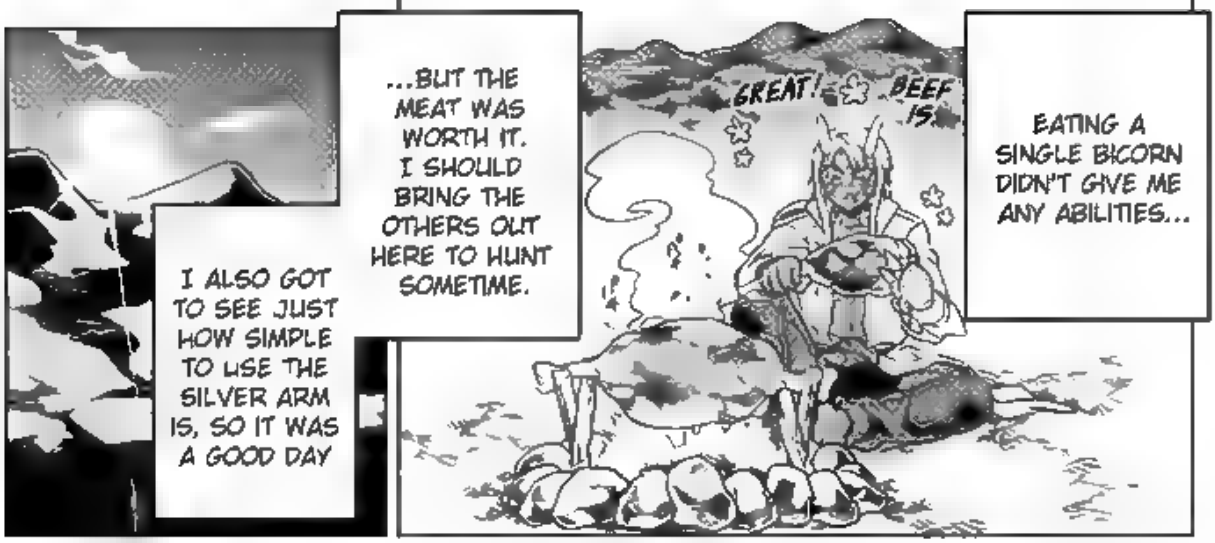
I EVENTUALLY ENDED UP AT A LAKE AND A WATERFALL,
AND DECIDED I SHOULD WASH MYSELF AFTER ALL THAT HAPPENED.
THIS FEEL
OF NEGATIVE IONS...
...BUT,
AS I ENJOYED THE SPACIOUSNESS AND SWAM AROUND...
A BUNCH OF GREEN LIZARDMEN APPEARED AND SURROUNDED ME.
IT SEEMS THAT "SENSE PRESENCE" IS AT TOO LOW OF A LEVEL TO DETECT UNDERWATER ENEMIES.

I SHIVER THINKING ABOUT IT, BUT LET'S JUST LEAVE IT THERE
IF IT HAD BEEN AGAINST AN ENEMY THAT'S TOO STRONG FOR ME TO FIGHT HEAD-ON.
IT'S A GOOD THING I DISCOV-ERED THIS NOW
THEY SEEM TO BE EXPERIENCED AT WORKING TOGETHER.
THOUGH I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT THEY'RE SAYING
THERE WERE EIGHT GREEN LIZARDS AND THEY WERE LIGHTLY ARMORED, BUT I CAN IMAGINE HOW WELL THOSE SCALES PROTECT THEM.
MEANWHILE, I'M ALONE, UNARMED AND HALF SUBMERGED IN THE WATER.
THEY'RE IN THE SUPERIOR POSITION, AND THEY'RE PROB-ABLY CONFIDENT IN BEING ABLE TO KILL A SINGLE OGRE.
BUT NONE OF THAT IS A PROBLEM!

EVEN WITH THE WATER RESISTANCE, I COULD MOVE QUICKLY.
I USED "HYDRO-HAND" TO CREATE A CURRENT BEHIND ME AND MADE USE OF "CHARGE POWER UP" TO CARRY MYSELF FORWARD.
AFTER THAT, I JUST NEEDED TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN POWER BETWEEN MY BODY AND THE SILVER ARM.
SO I PROCEEDED TO JUST KICK AND PUNCH THEM.
ROASTED TAIL
IT DIDN'T EVEN TAKE THIRTY SECONDS TO KILL THEM ALL
THEIR MEAT AND BONES HAVE A SPECIAL TASTE TO THEM AND TASTE GREAT
I TRIED SEARCHING FOR MORE, BUT I DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING, SO I JUST LEFT IT AT THAT.
LEARNED: "AQUATIC"
"LIZARDMAN LANGUAGE".

UPON EXITING THE FOREST, I FOUND A VAST PLAIN.
OH
AFTER THAT I REFOCUSED ON MY OBJECTIVE AND HEADED TOWARDS THE AREA I STILL HADN'T BEEN TO.
SEEING SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE FOREST IN THIS WORLD IS QUITE REFRESHING.
AND THEN I SAW AN ODD... BULL-LIKE CREATURE CHARGING TOWARDS ME.
I DECIDED TO CALL THIS THING WITH TWO BLACK HORNS AND A HUMAN HEAD A "BICORN".

SILVER ARM JOLT COUN—
CER- TAIN KILL.
BECAUSE IT WAS JUST CHARGING AT ME SO EARNESTLY...
...I FELT LIKE FACING IT HEAD-ON.
...TER?!
ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, VELVET.
...WOW


EATING A SINGLE BICORN DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY ABILITIES...
GREAT! BEEF IS.
...BUT THE MEAT WAS WORTH IT. I SHOULD BRING THE OTHERS OUT HERE TO HUNT SOMETIME.
I ALSO GOT TO SEE JUST HOW SIMPLE TO USE THE SILVER ARM IS, SO IT WAS A GOOD DAY

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MY UNDER-LINGS CALLED ME OVER TO SEE A VERY INTERESTING THING.
GOBLIN ROU, LOOK AT THIS!
DUNNO WHAT THEY DOING, BUT...
HMM, WHAT'S GOING ON?
TWO OF THE HOBGOB-LINS...
...HAD THE APTITUDE TO BE MAGES.

I WAS A LITTLE CURIOUS MYSELF, SO I DECIDED TO WATCH THE LESSON.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!
I IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERRED THEM TO HOBGOBLIN SEI'S MAGIC UNIT, "AGONY."

IT SEEMS SHE'S BEEN AMASSING THIS COLLECTION FOR YEARS.
THE CLASSROOM, HOBGOBLIN SEI'S BEDROOM, WAS FILLED WITH DOZENS UPON DOZENS OF BOOKS.

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I'LL BE SURE TO EDUCATE YOU PROPERLY,
SO DO LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
OHO HO HO HO HO
STILL, FOR ME TO FINALLY GET MY OWN SUBORDINATES... NO, DISCIPLES.
THIS IS TRULY A JOYOUS OCCASION.
...IT MUST BE MY IMAGINATION, BUT THAT SMILE SENDS CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE...

IT SEEMS SHE WASN'T ABLE TO USE ALL THAT DIFFERENT MAGIC RIGHT OFF THE BAT.
THOSE WITH THE APTITUDE FOR MAGIC SIMPLY KNOW THE BASIC SPELLS FOR WHATEVER MAGIC TYPE THEY'RE BEST SUITED TOWARDS...
IT WAS OBVIOUS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I GOT IN THE WAY OF ANYTHING...
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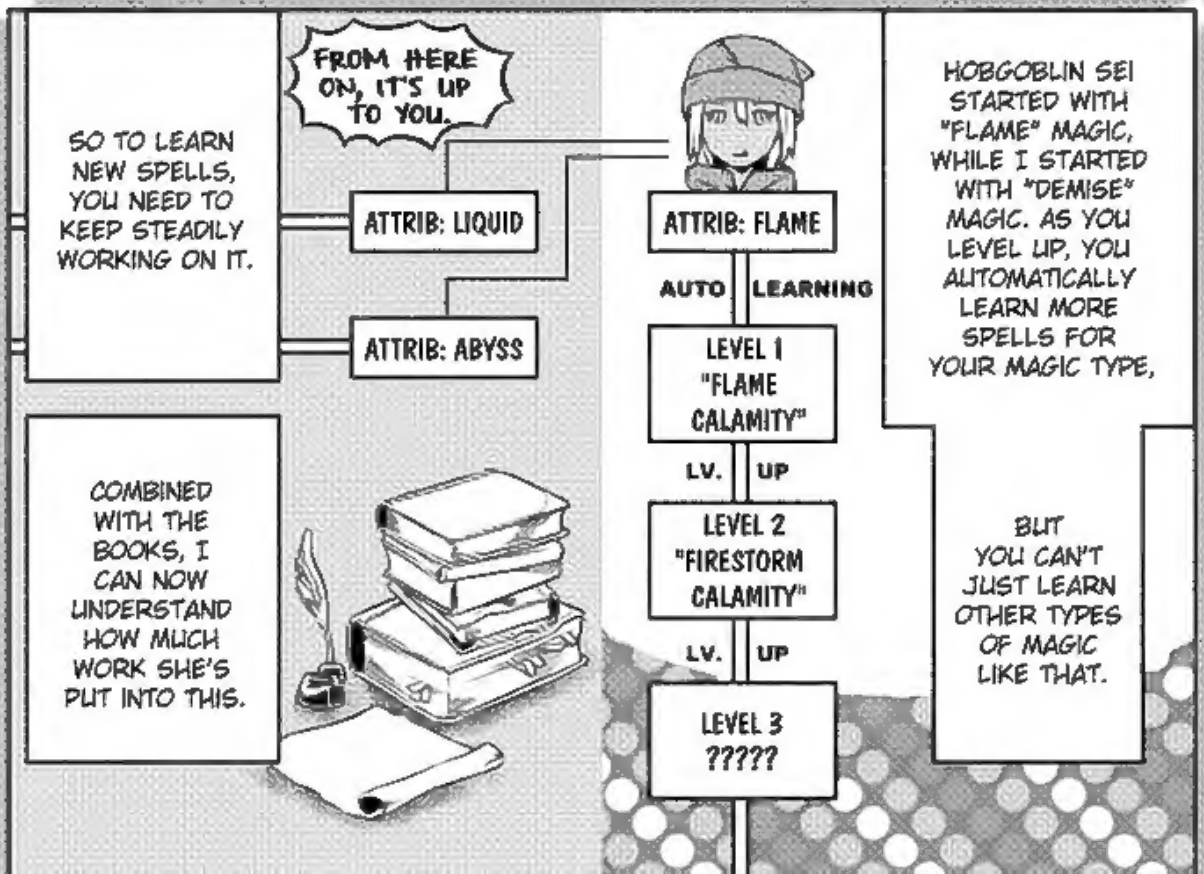
...SO I SIMPLY SAT IN A CORNER AND READ A BOOK WHILE LISTENING TO THE LECTURE.


SO TO LEARN NEW SPELLS, YOU NEED TO KEEP STEADILY WORKING ON IT.
FROM HERE ON, IT'S UP TO YOU.
ATTRIB: LIQUID
ATTRIB: ABYSS
ATTRIB: FLAME
AUTO LEARNING
LEVEL 1 "FLAME CALAMITY"
LV. UP
LEVEL 2 "FIRESTORM CALAMITY"
LV. UP
LEVEL 3 ?????
HOBGOBLIN SEI STARTED WITH "FLAME" MAGIC, WHILE I STARTED WITH "DEMISE" MAGIC. AS YOU LEVEL UP, YOU AUTOMATICALLY LEARN MORE SPELLS FOR YOUR MAGIC TYPE,
BUT YOU CAN'T JUST LEARN OTHER TYPES OF MAGIC LIKE THAT.
COMBINED WITH THE BOOKS, I CAN NOW UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH WORK SHE'S PUT INTO THIS.

IN MY CASE... READING BOOKS HAS ALLOWED ME TO USE SPELLS FROM THE OTHER MAGICS, ASIDE FROM THE "ABYSS" ONES.
LIKE THIS...?
IT SEEMS THAT ASIDE FROM "DEMISE", I ALSO HAVE "ORIGIN" MAGIC,
WHICH ALLOWS ME TO EASILY LEARN TO USE OTHER MAGICS.
THAT SAID, I'VE GOT ABILITIES THAT ALLOW ME TO USE FIRE OR THUNDER FASTER THAN WITH MAGIC...
...SO IT'S UNLIKELY THAT I'LL USE ANY MAGIC OTHER THAN MY "DEMISE" SPELLS.
FOR THE NEXT THREE HOURS I READ VARIOUS BOOKS UNTIL I ENCOUNTERED ONE THAT INTERESTED ME:
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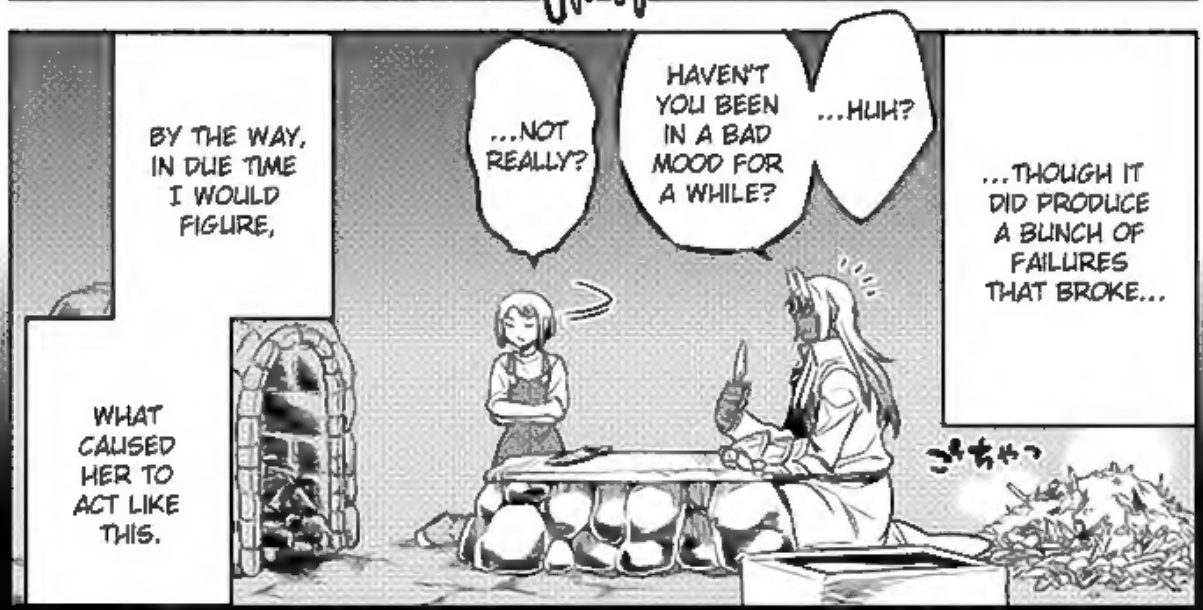
"ENCHANTING."
UNLIKE MAGIC, THIS INVOLVES RELEASING POWER INTO SOMETHING OTHER THAN A SPELL...
...SO AN ENCHANTER'S ABILITIES CAN HAVE A LONGER EFFECT ON THE BATTLEFIELD THAN MAGIC.
I HAD BEEN NEGLECTING THIS JOB AFTER OBTAINING IT BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT, BUT NOW...

I TRIED ENCHANTING SPIRIT STONES AND WROUGHT IRON KNIVES WITH THIS NEW ABILITY.
WELL, NOW THAT I'VE LEARNED HOW TO CREATE THINGS, I DECIDED TO HEAD OVER TO THE SMITH TO TRY SOMETHING.

WHAT YOU CAN ACTUALLY DO WITH THIS ABILITY IS QUITE SURPRISING...
AND THE SPIRIT STONES' EFFECTS WERE AMPLIFIED.
THE KNIVES ENDED UP BEING SHARPER AND STRONGER


BY THE WAY, IN DUE TIME I WOULD FIGURE,
WHAT CAUSED HER TO ACT LIKE THIS.
...NOT REALLY?
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN IN A BAD MOOD FOR A WHILE?
...HUH?
...THOUGH IT DID PRODUCE A BUNCH OF FAILURES THAT BROKE...
CONTINUE